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Good morning,

We have a media engagement set up for noon today. Please see the attachment for specific details.

Mr. David Hasemyer of InsideClimate News has requested to interview Dr. (b)(6) and Dr. (b)(6).

This is a telephonic event. I apologize for the short notice, but it was requested late yesterday.

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# Media Contact Summary

## Martin Army Community Hospital

Date: 5 Sept. 2018, 1210 hours

**Subject:** David Hasemyer: InsideClimate News.

**Interest:** Martin Army Community Hospital heat injury studies

**Summary:** Members of the BMACH Emergency Department conducted an interview with David Hasemyer of InsideClimate News, concerning their in-depth research of how to mitigate heat related injuries. The interview began at 12:10 p.m., 5 Sept. 2018, and will be conducted telephonically. BMACH PAO specialist, (b)(6) sat in on the interview.

**Specifics:** Dr. (Maj.) (b)(6) and Dr. (Maj.) (b)(6), both of whom have conducted extensive research about the effects of heat related injuries and the innovative techniques of mitigating the severe effects of these injuries were interviewed by Mr. Hasemyer.

The interview began with both doctors introducing themselves and explaining their backgrounds and how they became interested in the study of heat related injuries. Both doctors explained that they arrived in 2014 (b)(6) and 2015 (b)(6), respectively. They said after seeing a very significant number of severe heat related injuries, they were motivated to research ways of mitigating these injuries.

Mr. Hasemyer asked several questions that were somewhat out of the doctors' expertise, such as how much the Army pays to train each Soldier/Ranger at Fort Benning? And, how specifically do heat injuries effect the readiness of each unit within the Army? He also asked about the weight of ruck sacks when carried in unit marches, the speed of the marches and other unit-specific questions. I told him that the doctors were not privy to that information and the units would be the best source for those answers.

Dr. (b)(6) pointed out that units and cadre on Fort Benning are trained to provide immediate care to Soldiers when it is believed that they're suffering heat related injuries.

Overall, Mr. Hasemyer did not ask any questions that would place the U.S. Army in a negative light. His focus was on Fort Benning's extensive research with USARIEM and their innovative techniques of mitigating heat related injuries.

No negative media issues to report at this time.

Filed by (b)(6), BMACH PAO

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We agreed based on facts we were NOT going to participate in any other interviews or site visits.

End of subject.

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I appreciate your response. Thankyou, though I am disappointed.

The decision is especially perplexingbecause of the major's enthusiastic dedication to addressing the issue of heat illnessand putting Fort Benning and the Army on the forefront of finding sustainable solutions. The Army apparently hasrecognized Maj.(b)(6) work; featuring it in two lengthy Army news servicearticles.

I hope you can appreciate thatadding a video component to the printed version of the interview I conducted withthe major will truly put a face to the work being done. The voice of Maj.(b)(6) will add a powerful punctuationpoint to the efforts being made by Fort Benning to mitigate heat illnesses inthe military.

It's my desire that we can continuediscussing the possibility of an on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) Along those lines, it would help me if youcould articulate your hesitancy to allowing the interview. We have expressed ourwillingness to work with whatever logistical considerations you require. So if I could better understand yourreluctance, it would allow me to address any concerns you have.

As far as providing a draft copy ofthe story to(b)(6), I'm sure it won't come as a surprise thatInsideClimate News does not allow for pre-publication review. That position is not unique to ICN as it is a principal tenet followed by all major media.

I look forward to continuing ourdiscussion.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 7:22 AM (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
< Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

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To be very clear, I did not mention it, he did. (b)(5)

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Good afternoon -

Mr. Hasemyer was notified on 6 October by Major (b)(6) with her email below we were not going to support an on-site visit.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
Sent: Saturday, October 6, 2018 10:06 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

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No problem, already taken care of. Email and response below.

MAJ (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 8:37 PM  
To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Dr. (b)(6)

No. Neither the base PAO or the hospital PAO has been in contact. I am disappointed in the decision because what's happening at your Heat Center goes along way to explaining what the Army and DoD are doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.

I appreciate your help in trying to make this happen.

I suspect that I'll be asking for a follow-up telephone interview in the next few weeks as I finalize the story and need clarification on some points we talked about as well as having a few new questions.

Again thank you for your help; and for trying to facilitate a visit.

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 3:39 PM (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)> <  
Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> >> wrote:

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Hello Mr. Hasemyer,

I'm not sure if our PAO office has reached out to you directly, but both BMACH and MCoE leadership have decided not to authorize the site visit at this time. Dr. (b)(6) and I are disappointed. We appreciate your interest in our

initiative and perhaps we can arrange something in the spring when we're gearing up for the next heat season. Apologies for being the bearer of bad news, but I wanted to ensure you weren't wasting time and resources on planning. Thank you again for your interest!

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
Assistant Chief, DEM  
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(b)(6)

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From: David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)] < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) >]  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM  
To:(b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)> < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) >>  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

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I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

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**CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 11:51 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US); (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM NRMC (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
**Subject:** Interview Request response

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 11:41 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6) >  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:04 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6) >  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

Thank you. Yes, I do see in the email thread below that he is aware of the interview being turned off. (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
Public Affairs Specialist  
Office of the Surgeon General  
US Army Medical Command

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From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:44 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6) >; (b)(6) CIV  
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(b)(6) >  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6) >  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

We are not entertaining Mr. Hasemyer's request. We turned off his visit... (b)(5)  
please see previous email traffic..

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(b)(6) and team....please see below...this man is seeking an interview with a Dr. at Ft. Benning.

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

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Good morning (b)(6).

I'm checking on the status of our request for the quick Fort Benning Heat Center interview.

Thanks

On Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 1:11 PM [b](6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

<[b](6)> <Caution-mailto:[b](6)> > <Caution-Caution-mailto:[b](6)> <Caution-mailto:[b](6)> > > wrote:

David,

Let me look into this and get back with you tomorrow.

Respectfully,

[b](6)

Media Relations Officer

Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: David Hasemyer

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:59 PM

To: [b](6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

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This is Dave Hasemyer < Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> > > at InsideClimateNews < Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> > > . I am seeking your help in arranging an on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) at Fort Benning's Martin Army Community Hospital.

The interview is for a story I'm preparing along with video journalist Anna Belle Peevey < Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevy> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevy> > < Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevy> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevy> > > on how the military is addressing the issue of heat-related illnesses.

I first became aware of Maj. (doctor)(b)(6) through this Army news story: Fort Benning team determined to end heat-related deaths across DoD. < Caution-Caution-Caution-[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) < Caution-[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) > < Caution-Caution-[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) > < Caution-[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) > >

And again through a later, related Army News story: Army researchers partner with Fort Benning to study heat illness in 2,000 Soldiers. < Caution-Caution-Caution-[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_soldiers](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers) < Caution-

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The hospital PIO, (b)(6), has been non-responsive to my multiple requests over a period of months. It was only after I made direct contact with Maj. (b)(6) that she facilitated a later telephone interview. The major later said our request for an on-camera interview had been turned down. I never heard from (b)(6) on this matter. (I would be happy to discuss with you in a phone call the long history of failed attempts to work through (b)(6))

The work being done at the heat center plays a critical role in our story in terms of explaining what the Army is doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.

While the telephone interview with Maj. (b)(6) provided important insight that I'll be including in my article, we simply want to convey in the most diverse and powerful way – through video and the written word – the work that is taking place at Martin Army Community Hospital in regards to preventing heat illnesses. An on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) would help highlight BMACH's critical mission.

We have scaled back our initial request to simply an interview with Dr. (b)(6) and her co-worker Maj. (b)(6) if he's available; and are ready to work through any logistical matters. The interview will be conducted by Anna Belle and will only need two hours and no more than three.

While Dr. (b)(6) has suggested making the request again next year, our story and video will be published this year. We are frankly on a deadline at this point and need to complete the interview within the next three weeks.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to facilitate an interview with Maj. (b)(6).

My number is (b)(6)

Dave Hasemyer

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 5, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM  
**CC:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
**BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)**  
**Subject:** RE: Heat Injury Story (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:46 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
**MCOE (US)** (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 (b)(6) >  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Heat Injury Story (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ma'am,

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(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

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Respectfully,

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From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:38 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
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From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 3:48 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY  
MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
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Subject: Heat Injury Story

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**CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** Heat Center/ Benning visit

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To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

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COL, MC

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2018 4:48 AM

To: (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) &lt;(b)(6)&gt;; (b)(6) LTC

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(b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US) &lt;(b)(6)&gt;

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

Heat Team,

Please see below. (b)(5)

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(b)(6)

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Assistant Chief, DEM

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## INFORMATION PAPER

MCXB-E  
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SUBJECT: The Heat Center Initiative at Fort Benning

1. Purpose: Review of Concept
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## Prevent Heat Illness; Increase Readiness

### ***Heat illnesses were responsible for more than 20,500 lost/limited duty days in 2017***

**Heat illness** occurs when the body cannot compensate for increased heat stress. Heat illnesses occur year round in training environments and increase significantly in warmer weather. Since January 2018, more than 480 cases of heat illness have been reported, with 272 reported in June 2018.

Exercise Associated Hyponatremia, most commonly associated with excess water consumption (over-hydration), can occur in the same conditions as heat illness. This can be a fatal condition if not recognized and properly treated.

Soldiers, leaders, and medical providers all play important roles in reducing the incidence, severity, and impact of heat illness.

#### **SOLDIERS:**

Allowing heat illness to progress can take you out of the fight and can even affect your mobility status.

- Ensure adequate sleep, hydration, and nutrition prior to training. Hydration can be estimated using the Urine Color Test Card.
- Start hydrated and stay hydrated with regular intake of food and fluids. Avoid excessive hydration; it will not prevent heat illness but may lead to over-hydration.
- Recognize early signs and symptoms of heat illness in yourself and fellow Soldiers, such as dizziness, headache, nausea, weakness, unsteady walk, and muscle cramps.
- Rehydrate slowly and steadily after training; rapid rehydration may lead to over-hydration.

#### **LEADERS:**

Preventing heat illness and providing proper treatment are critical steps to ensuring you have a healthy and ready force.

- Use risk management guidelines when planning for training in the heat, including consideration of physical fitness and acclimatization of Soldiers.

- Ensure personnel are trained on prevention, recognition, and basic treatment of heat illness. Rapid cooling is the most effective intervention in suspected heat illness. Do not delay cooling measures at the point of injury. Plan for rapid cooling interventions (such as ice sheets) at training locations.
- Monitor the wet bulb globe thermometer (WBGT) hourly when ambient temperature is  $\geq 75^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit and adjust activity as needed.
- Know the current profile status of Soldiers with previous heat illness.
- Encourage consistent food and fluid intake. Do not exceed 1 quart/hour under most conditions (maximum of 1.5 quarts/hour or 12 quarts/day under very strenuous conditions). Limit refills of refillable bladder systems to 3 liters every 3 hours. Soldiers should check with cadre or medic if more frequent refills are needed.
- Soldiers with previous heat illness should be monitored closely for over-hydration; they may over-hydrate in an attempt to avoid a repeat heat illness.

#### **PROVIDERS:**

Differentiation between heat illness and over-hydration and appropriate treatment is critical to prevent further harm to affected Soldiers.

- Initial management of suspected heat illness is rapid cooling.
- Verify sodium level prior to and during rehydration efforts.
- Hypertonic saline is an indicated treatment in Exercise Associated Hyponatremia.
- Proper profiling per AR 40-501 will minimize recurrent heat illness in susceptible Soldiers.
- Reinforce with Soldiers that excessive hydration will not prevent recurrent heat illness.
- Notify Preventive Medicine to report cases of heat illness.

Detailed guidance outlines can be found in

#### **ALARACT 050/2018 - HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION FOR 2018 HEAT SEASON**

More information as well as heat illness prevention products are available at the Army Public Health Center's website: <https://phcamedd.army.mil/topics/discond/hipss/Pages/Heat-Related-Illness-Prevention.aspx>

Updated 12 July 2018

## DHA Army Satellite Heat Illness Dataset

## Heat Illness Surveillance Report

Report date: 24 August 2018

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This report details case counts of heat illness (HI) among Army Soldiers from 2014-2018. Results provided were based on data maintained in the DHA Army Satellite Heat Illness Dataset. This report is in response to a query from InsideClimate News, an independent, not-for-profit news organization that covers clean energy, carbon energy, nuclear energy, and environmental science.

## DATA AND METHODS

Analysis was completed using the DHA Army Satellite Heat Illness Dataset. The dataset combines five data sources to provide a more complete picture of HI in Army Soldiers. Data sources include outpatient medical visits, hospital admissions, medical visits outside of the military health system, theater medical records, and medical event reports. Cases were identified using the March 2018 Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch (AFHSB) and Armed Forces Reportable Medical Event Guidelines case definitions (1, 2).

The dataset identifies HI cases from a wide variety of sources, but it is possible that some cases were not captured in any of the included data sources. Heat illnesses can vary greatly in terms of severity, therefore an analysis of case counts alone may not be a direct reflection of the impact to Army Soldiers or military readiness and should be considered when interpreting the data in this report.

## Findings

There have been 8,303 HI cases between 01 Jan 2014 and 31 July 2018, with 3,570 cases occurring during the months January - June (Table 1). Based on 2014-2017 data, July is the peak month for HI with an average of 444 HI cases in Army Soldiers (Figure 1).

Table 1. Case Counts for Heat Illnesses in Army Active Duty Soldiers, 2014-2018

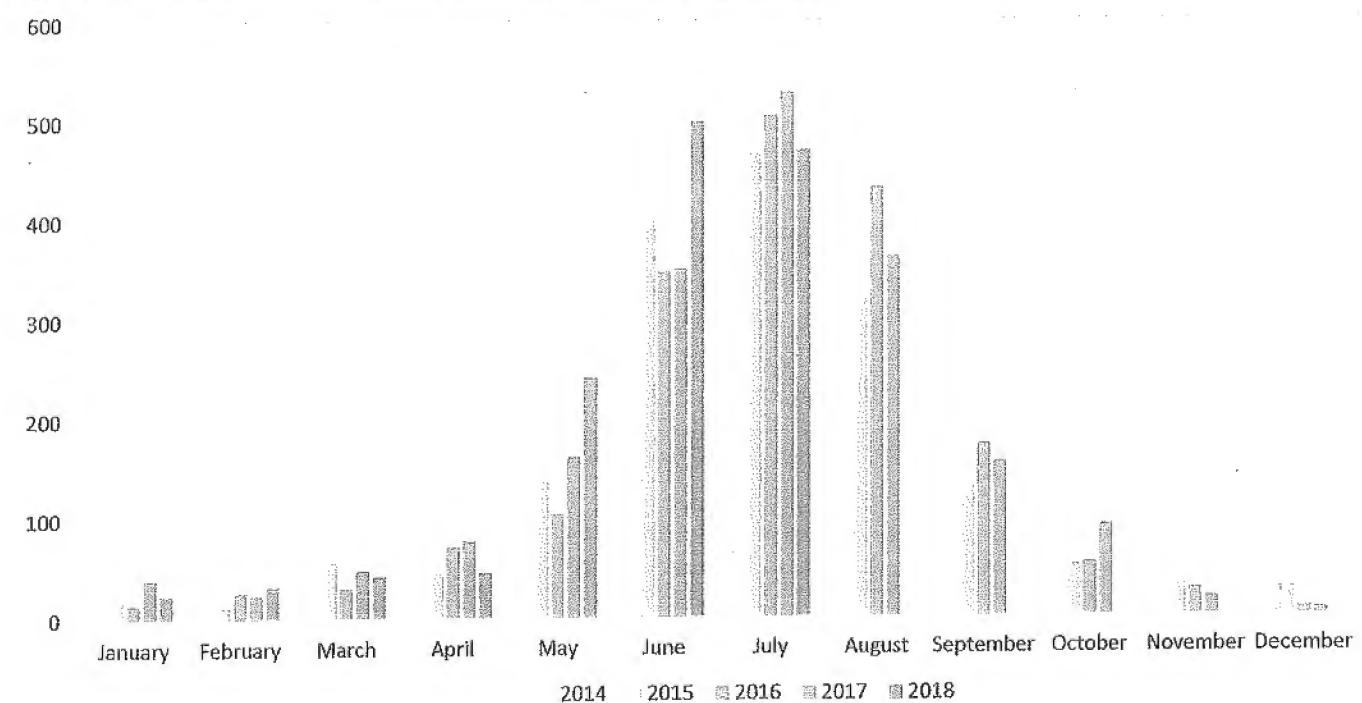
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2016	15	27	31	72	105	348	505	433	174	54	28	8	1800
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